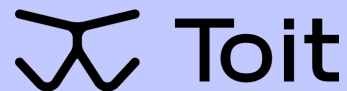


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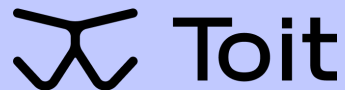
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microcontroller

Give your ESP32s the  
gift of serviceability

sounds great! what is it?





Kasper Lund, co-founder and CEO of Toit

# Our founding team have a few familiar faces ...



**Kasper Lund**  
**Co-founder & CEO**

Senior Staff Engineer, Google  
Co-led development of Google's V8  
Led development of Dart



**Erik Corry**  
**Co-founder**

Senior Engineer, Google  
Built the world's fastest regex engine



**Anders Johnsen**  
**Co-founder**

Software Engineer, Google  
Senior Engineer II, Uber



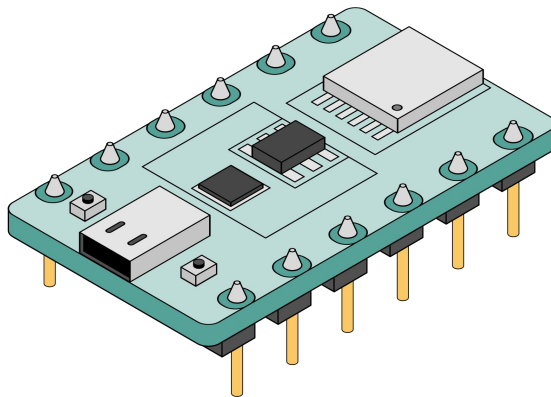
**Florian Loitsch**  
**Co-founder**

Senior Engineer, Google  
PhD in Computer Science

Decades of experience implementing the world's most widely used software platforms



# In 2018, we learned of the ESP32 ...



## Powerful

Dual-core 240 MHz RISC CPU  
520 KB RAM, 4MB+ Flash  
Built in WiFi / Bluetooth

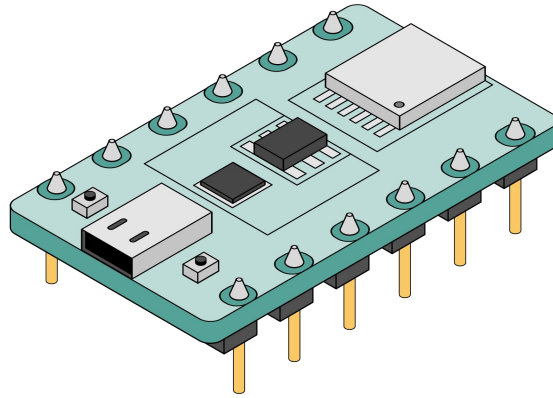
## Runs on batteries

Practical drain in sleep mode is  $\sim 10 \mu\text{A}$   
Runs for years on AA batteries

## Inexpensive

Development kit costs 8€ / 60 DKK  
Standalone chip costs 2€ / 15 DKK

For a lot of interesting use cases, this is a ...



... compelling alternative to the Raspberry Pi



The screenshot shows a web browser displaying the GitHub repository for `espressif/esp-idf`. The page is viewed on the `master` branch, specifically at the `README.md` file. The repository has 465 watchers, 6.6k stars, and 4.2k forks. The navigation bar includes links for Code, Issues (876), Pull requests (95), Actions, Projects, Wiki, Security, and Insights. A commit by `krzychb` is highlighted, with a description: "docs: Linking to a page that helps navigate to documentation for spec...". Below this, it shows 12 contributors. The file statistics indicate 106 lines (57 sloc) and 5.55 KB. The README content includes a link to the Chinese version (中文版), a description of ESP-IDF as a development framework for Espressif SoCs, and sections for "Developing With ESP-IDF" and "Setting Up ESP-IDF".

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## Espressif IoT Development Framework

- 中文版

ESP-IDF is the development framework for Espressif SoCs (released after 2016<sup>1</sup>) provided for Windows, Linux and macOS.

## Developing With ESP-IDF

### Setting Up ESP-IDF

See <https://idf.espressif.com/> for links to detailed instructions on how to set up the ESP-IDF depending on chip you use.

**Note:** Each SoC series and each ESP-IDF release has its own documentation. Please see Section [Versions](#) on how to find documentation and how to checkout specific release of ESP-IDF.



# Developing for microcontrollers kinda sucks ...

- Thin, if any, separation between application, drivers, and OS
- Monolithic, close-knit system software tied to specific hardware
- C and assembly are the common source languages
- Application errors often result in crashing the entire device
- Development cycles are loooooong

In spite of the hardware advances in microcontrollers, the development experience just doesn't compare favorably to server, desktop, or mobile development.

# ... because it is all about firmware

Fantastically firm




Get it right the first time!

Sufficiently soft



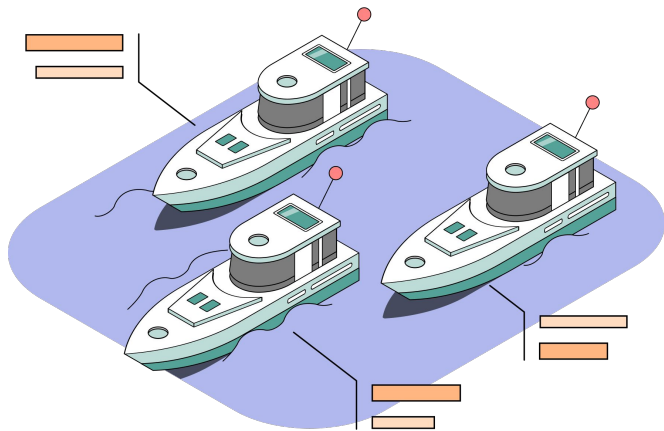
Learn fast and feel free to  
change your mind

*Friends don't let friends waste  
their time on firmware :)*



It's a UNIX system.  
I know this.

# Serviceability is more than observability



s3:vɪsə'bɪlɪtɪ

The ability to install, configure, and monitor computer products, identify exceptions or faults, debug or isolate faults to root cause analysis, and provide hardware or software maintenance in pursuit of solving a problem and restoring the product into service.

# How do you get serviceability for an ESP32?

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## Keep on truckin'

The software must be robust and **resilient** in the presence of bugs and faults. There is no way to service a bricked device.

## Tell what's going on

Event logging and telemetry metrics are critical tools to **understand** the behavior of the code running on the device.

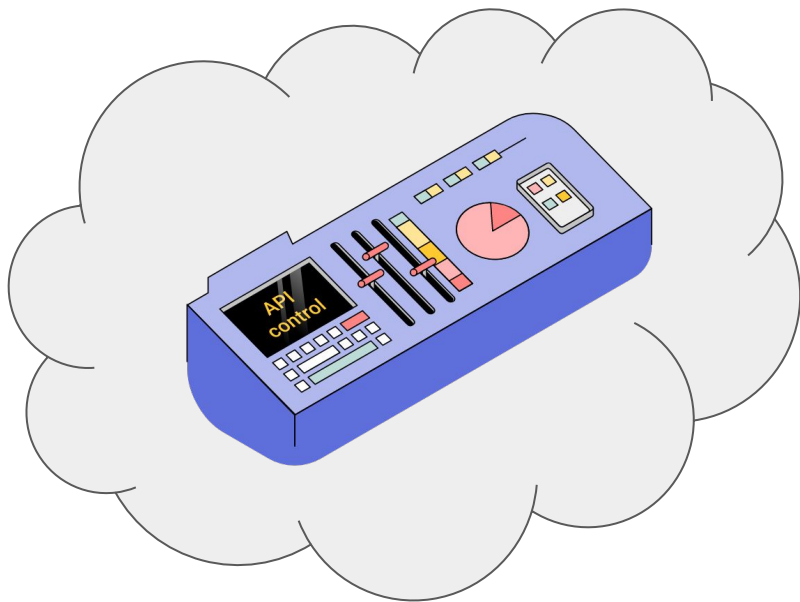
## Ask for direction

The system needs to prioritize taking direction and requests from an external orchestrator. This way you can **upgrade** and configure even in production.

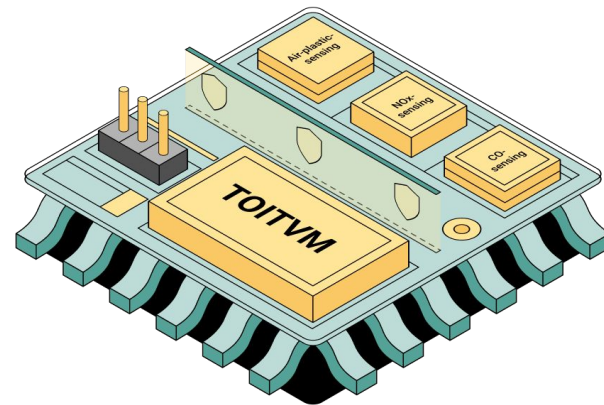
Luckily we've got a hammer ...



... in the form of a virtual machine



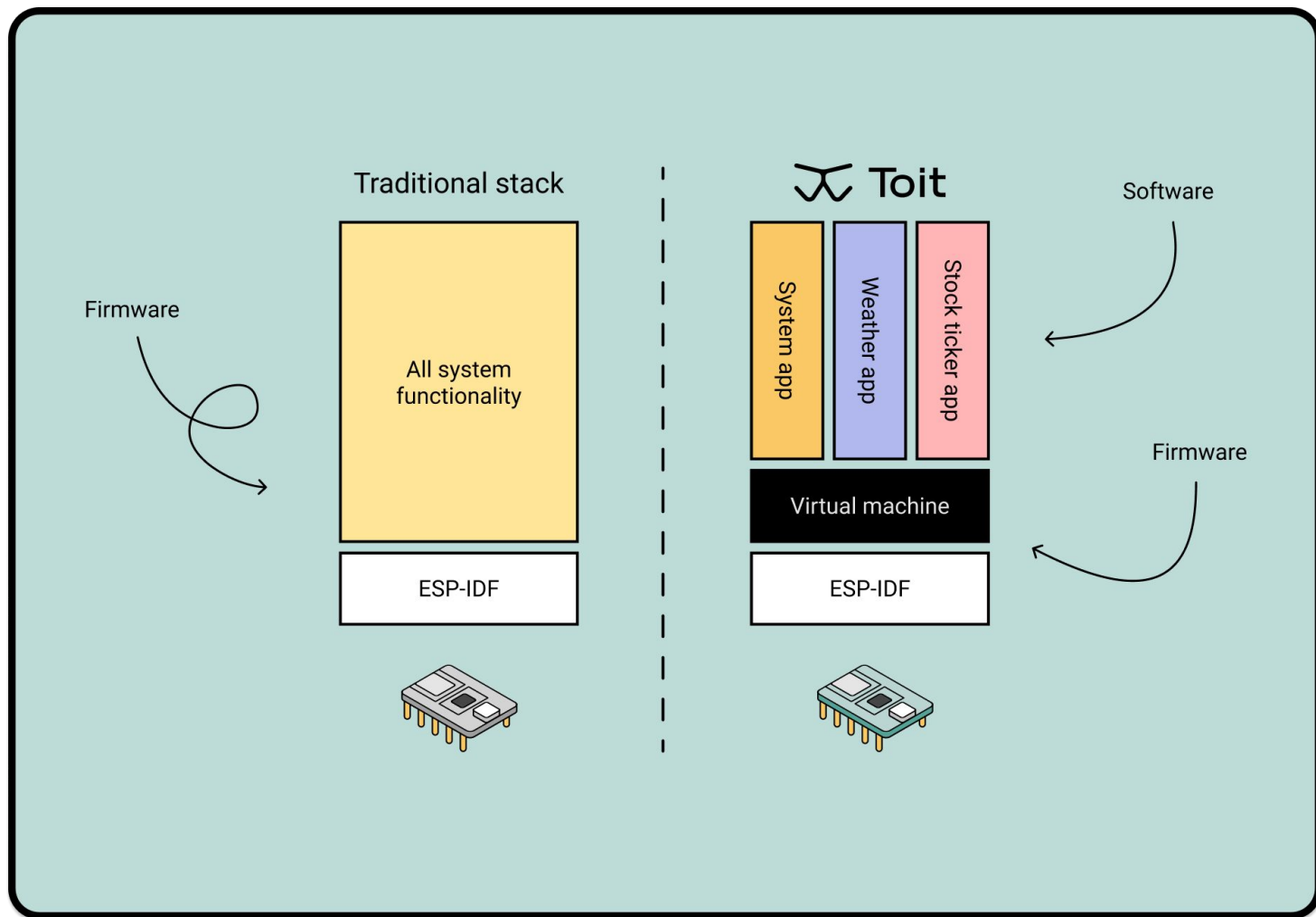
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# Cloud-managed containers on microcontrollers

Sandboxed environment for your ESP32 code,  
fully controlled through a rich cloud API.



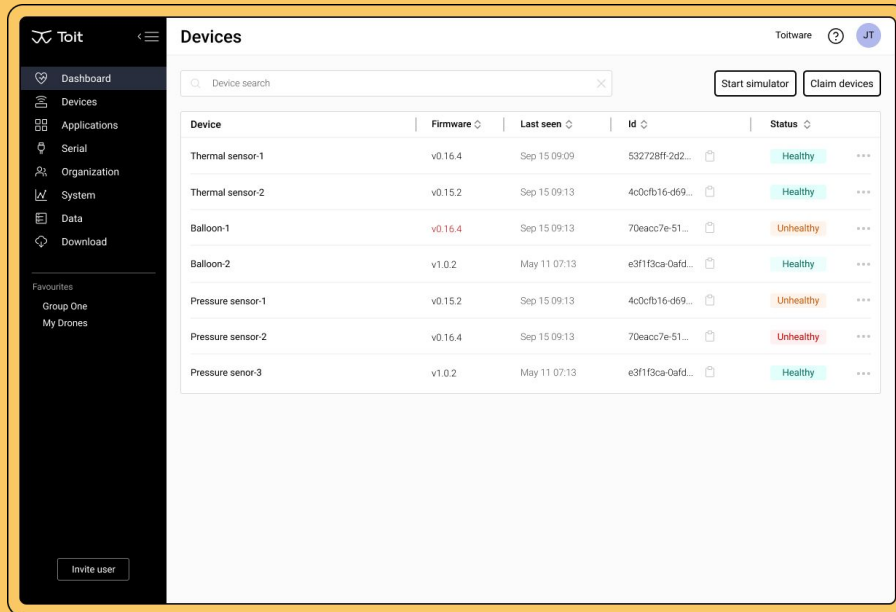


# Get an overview through the **console**

Dashboard for your device fleet

Monitor and gain insights

Change and experiment



The screenshot shows the 'Devices' page in the Toit console. The left sidebar contains navigation links: Dashboard, Devices, Applications, Serial, Organization, System, Data, and Download. Below these are 'Favourites' (Group One, My Drones) and an 'Invite user' button. The main content area displays a table of devices with columns for Device, Firmware, Last seen, Id, and Status. The table lists seven devices: Thermal sensor-1, Thermal sensor-2, Balloon-1, Balloon-2, Pressure sensor-1, Pressure sensor-2, and Pressure sensor-3. The status of each device is indicated by a colored pill (green for Healthy, red for Unhealthy) and a three-dot menu icon.

Device	Firmware	Last seen	Id	Status
Thermal sensor-1	v0.16.4	Sep 15 09:09	532728f1-2d2...	Healthy
Thermal sensor-2	v0.15.2	Sep 15 09:13	4c0cfb16-d69...	Healthy
Balloon-1	v0.16.4	Sep 15 09:13	70eacc7e-51...	Unhealthy
Balloon-2	v1.0.2	May 11 07:13	e3f1f3ca-0afd...	Healthy
Pressure sensor-1	v0.15.2	Sep 15 09:13	4c0cfb16-d69...	Unhealthy
Pressure sensor-2	v0.16.4	Sep 15 09:13	70eacc7e-51...	Unhealthy
Pressure sensor-3	v1.0.2	May 11 07:13	e3f1f3ca-0afd...	Healthy

The screenshot shows the GitHub repository page for 'toitware/api'. The repository has 10 unwatchers, 1 star, and 0 forks. The 'Code' tab is selected, showing a list of files and their commit history. The README.md file is open, displaying the 'Toit API' section. The repository is described as containing API definitions for Toit, defined using gRPC and usable from any environment and programming language. It also mentions that users can integrate the platform into their products and turn their device fleet fully programmable. A link to the relevant documentation is provided at the bottom.

toitware/api: Toit API definition

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About

LeonGungadinMogensen built csharp source files 2 minutes ago 283

File	Commit	Time
.github/workflows	add dart generated files (#120)	28 days ago
csharp	built csharp source files	2 minutes ago
dart	built dart source files	23 days ago
golang	built golang source files	23 days ago
java	built java source files	last month
node	Bump y18n from 4.0.0 to 4.0.1 in /node (#115)	last month
proto/toit	Move golang API to github.com/toitware/api/gol...	last month
python	Update README.md	7 months ago
.gitignore	Added csharp source files (#111)	3 months ago
LICENSE	Create LICENSE (#76)	8 months ago
README.md	Add a bit more content to the API readme	3 minutes ago

README.md

## Toit API

This repository contains the API definitions for [Toit](#). The API is defined using [gRPC](#) and it can be used from any environment and from any programming language.

You are in full control of your devices and everything you can do with the Toit platform, you can do through our API. It is easy to integrate our platform into your products and turn your device fleet fully programmable.

Browse through the [relevant documentation](#) for more details.

Toit API definitions

- Readme
- MIT License

Releases 26

Release v0.11.2 Latest on Apr 28

+ 25 releases

Packages

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- Makefile 0.1%
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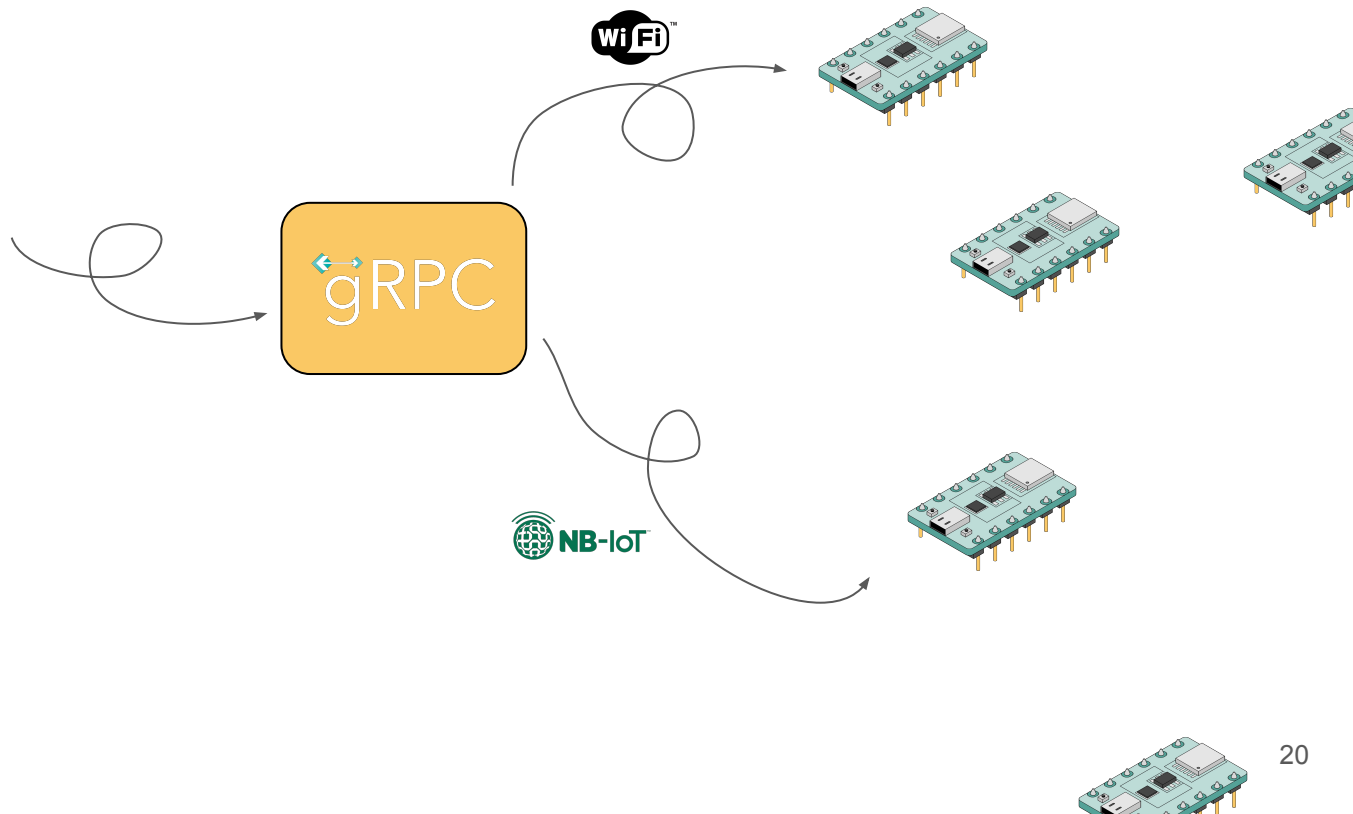
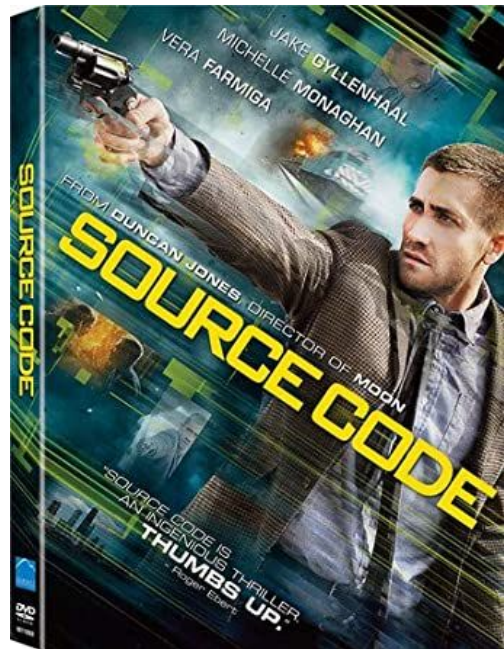
# Rich **API** for servicing your devices

Update configurations

Install, update, and remove applications

Publish or subscribe to data

Built using gRPC

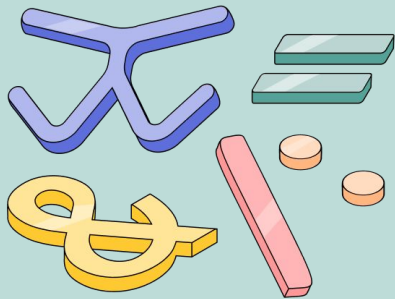


# Custom programming language

We built the **Toit language** to enable high-level programming for microcontrollers.

# Hello

```
main:  
  message := "Hello World"  
  print message
```



# Functions

```
/// Returns the square of the given $x.
```

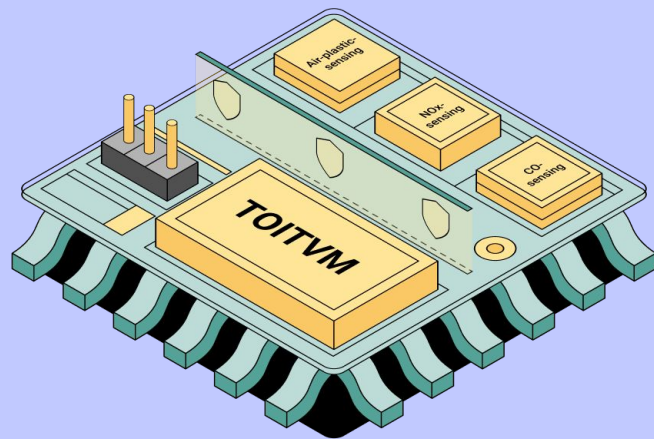
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```

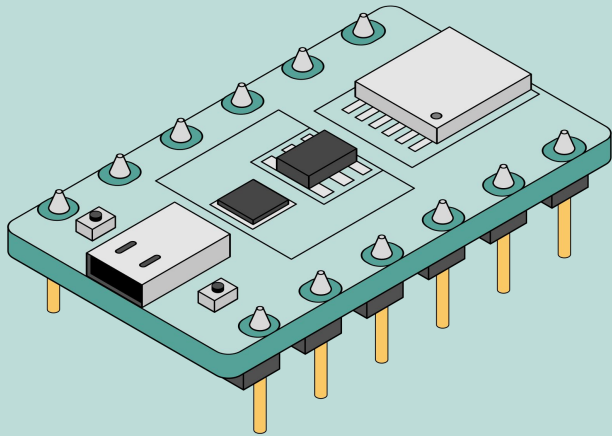
```
    return x * x
```

```
/// Returns the double of the given $x.
```

```
twice x/int -> int:
```

```
    return x + x
```





# Classes

```
interface Vehicle:
    drive speed/int -> none

class Car implements Vehicle:
    drive speed:
        print "Driving $speed km/h"

main:
    car := Car
    car.drive 70
```





# Blocks

```
when condition [body]:  
    if condition:  
        body.call  
  
main:  
    when true:  
        print "All is well!"  
    when false:  
        print "Oh, noes."
```

# Cooperative tasks

```
main:
  unsorted := List 10: random 1000
  print unsorted
  unsorted.do: |value|
    task::
      sleep --ms=value
      print value
```

```
$ toit execute sleep-sorting.toit
[224, 812, 107, 690, 895, 71, 780, 630, 460, 624]
71
107
224
460
624
630
690
780
812
895
```



# Inside the virtual machine

Sneak peek into the **engine** room.

```
months.append "April"
```

Optimized virtual dispatching without RAM based caching

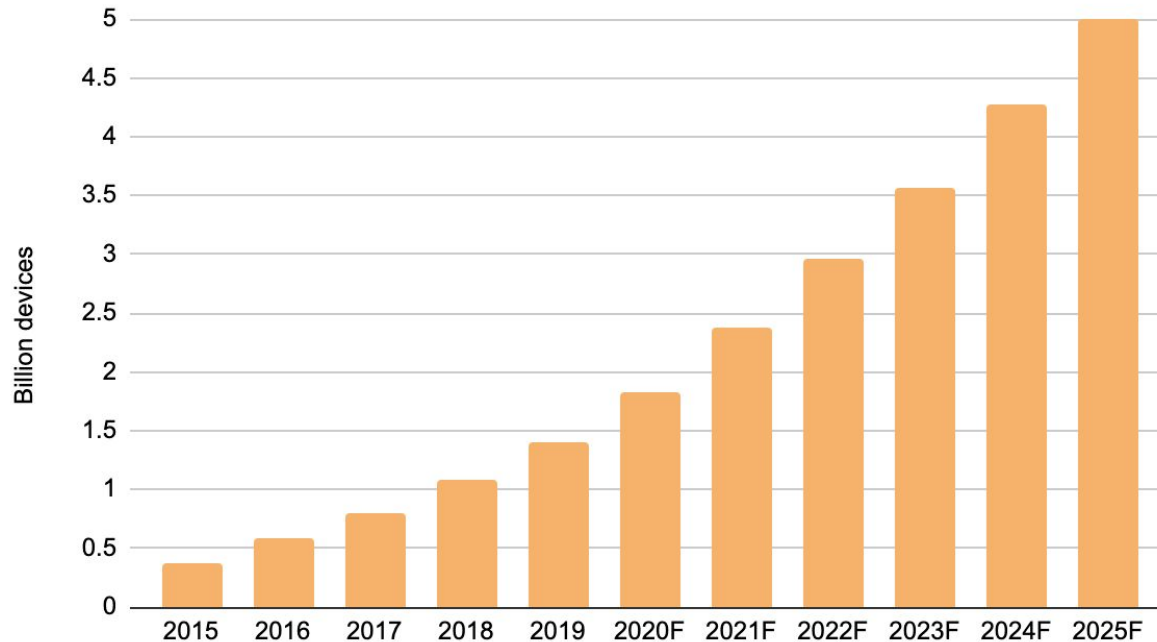
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```
0:  load local 2
1:  load smi 2
3:  invoke <
4:  branch to 11 if false
7:  load local 2
8:  return
11: load local 2
12: load smi 1
13: invoke -
14: invoke static fib test.toit:1:1
17: load local 3
18: load smi 2
20: invoke -
21: invoke static fib test.toit:1:1
24: invoke +
25: return
```

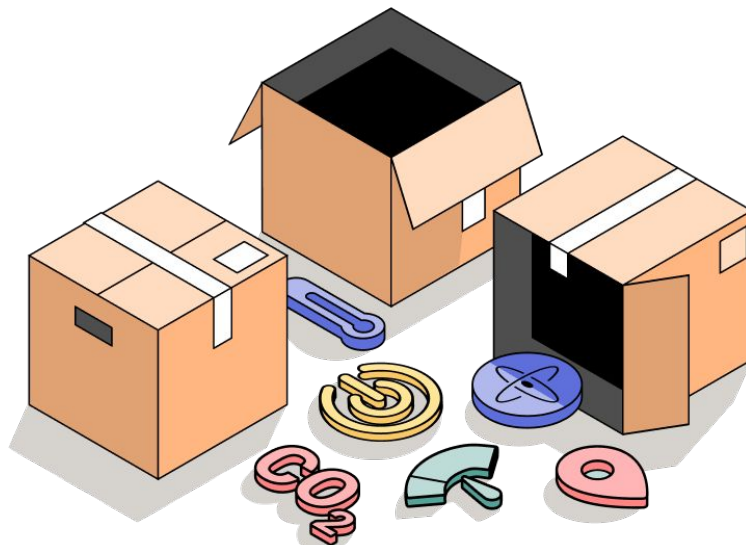
# Demonstration

Catch a quick glimpse of the **Toit** experience.

# 5 billion cellular connected devices will need our help!



Source: Ericsson's "Cellular networks for Massive IoT" whitepaper



To get started, we have packaged up an end-to-end platform for your ESP32s.

You can deploy your solutions on microcontrollers and run for years on batteries without giving up on serviceability.



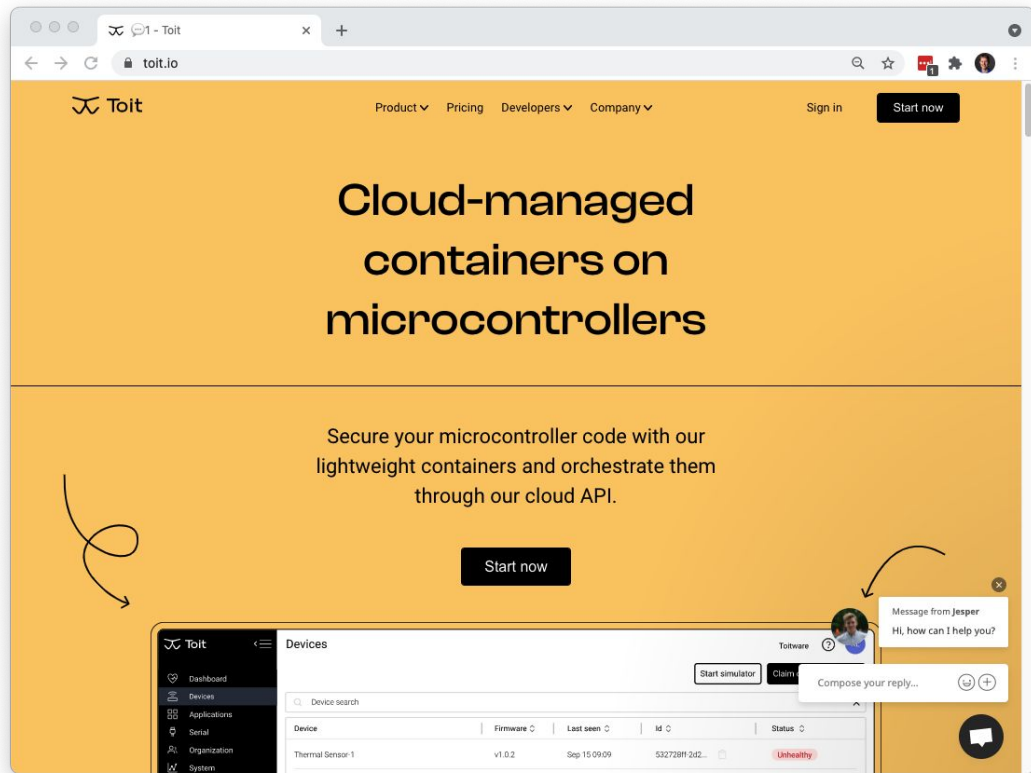
# Toit 1.0 is here!

The full platform is open and easy to run on your own ESP32s.

You can sign up today for free via

<https://toit.io/>

and try a new development experience for microcontrollers.



# Thank you!

Questions?

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